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To: Provosts and Chief Academic Officers

Cc: TAG Coordinators

From: Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Articulation and Transfer

Date: December 1, 2017

Subject: Announcing a New Business TAG Course in Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

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I'm pleased to announce an additional Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) course in Geography called "OSS 051 – Introduction to Geographic Information Systems."

In October 2017, a survey request was distributed statewide to gain endorsement for the proposed criteria for the new Geography TAG course. The result of the survey indicated that there is very strong support for the creation of the Introduction to GIS TAG course. As a result, a new TAG course has been added to the Geography Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG), effective immediately.

The Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network Oversight Board recommends that institutions seek course approval by the respective statewide faculty review panel within two years starting spring of 2018. The first submission opportunity will begin immediately and continue until spring 2020. Institutions are advised to submit their courses to the endorsed criteria as soon as the aligned courses become available.

To view and download the full information on the newly created Introduction to GIS TAG course, including the TAG submission form, please use this link:

<https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/tag/coursedescriptions>.

We wish to express our thanks for the dedicated work of the Introduction to GIS TAG Writing Panel and for their leadership in developing and finalizing the proposed learning outcomes for the Introduction to GIS TAG course.

The faculty members of the Introduction to Geographic Information Systems TAG Writing Panel included: Annie Parsons (Co- Lead, Columbus State Community College), Brian Mikelbank (Co- Lead, Cleveland State University), Peter Gorsevski (Bowling Green State University), Adam Parrillo (Clark State Community College), Eric Neubauer (Columbus State Community College), Jennifer Mapes (Kent State University), Booby Oliver (Lakeland Community College), Robbyn Abbitt (Miami University), L. Scott

Deaner (Owens Community College), Shanda Yaeger (Stark State College), Ningchuan Xiao (The Ohio State University), and Shanon Donnelly (The University of Akron).

### Submission Information Sessions

In addition to a CEMS submission template on our website, we will be scheduling two webinars/conference calls for your content experts and TAG coordinators to learn more about the TAG submission process and the endorsed course criteria sometime between late January and early February. Your faculty experts in Introduction to Geographic Information Systems course will have an opportunity to ask specific questions to the review panel lead(s) about the TAG course criteria. We hope that your faculty will be able to join us. A webinar invite will be forthcoming.

If you or your TAG coordinator has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Michelle Blaney, Administrator for Articulation and Transfer Policy, at [mblaney@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:mblaney@highered.ohio.gov), (614) 644-9601.

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